House Resolution No. 221

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State teachers who have developed and maintained outstanding reputations for the excellence of their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Aaron Manful of St. Peters, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a teacher at Francis Howell North High School in the Francis Howell R-III School District; and

Whereas, Aaron Manful will enhance his already impressive record of achievements on Wednesday, January 28, 2004, when he is publicly recognized in the Capitol Rotunda by the Missouri NBPTS Network for his National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, National Board Certification is a lengthy, rigorous assessment which can take up to three years to complete and which results in a less than forty percent success rate for first-time applicants; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Aaron Manful presented evidence of his teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Aaron Manful underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the educational accomplishments garnered by teacher Aaron Manful down through the years and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his completion of National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and our wishes for continued success as a respected employee of the Francis Howell R-III School District; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Aaron Manful, as a measure of our esteem for him.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 221, adopted January 27, 2004.